Law Enforcement Division Bi-Weekly Report 3/10/2019 – 3/23/2019

DISTRICT 1

Conservation Officer (CO) Zach Painter was on patrol in Gogebic County and observed two snowmobiles operating on a public highway. The snowmobiles turned off the highway and onto a snowmobile trail paralleling the highway. CO Painter observed both snowmobiles then fail to yield to a stop sign. CO Painter followed the snowmobiles to the next intersection and stopped them. CO Painter made contact and observed several indicators that the operators of the snowmobiles were under the influence of alcohol. After conducting standard field sobriety tests (SFSTs) on both operators, they were both placed under arrest for operating a snowmobile while intoxicated. Both subjects were lodged in the Gogebic County jail.

COs Josh Boudreaux and John Kamps check various lakes in Marquette County for shanties that appeared to be abandoned prior to the March 31st deadline. Many vacant shanties were found with as much as 20 inches of observable ice built up inside. Shanties were mapped and the officers will follow up on those who have not removed their shanties by March 31st.

CO Zach Painter was on patrol in Gogebic County and observed a vehicle traveling at a very slow rate of speed on the highway and weaving back and forth in its lane. CO Painter followed the vehicle and observed it turn it's blinker on, not make a turn, and then come to a complete stop at a flashing yellow light. CO Painter conducted a traffic stop of the vehicle and smelled the odor of intoxicants coming from the vehicle. The operator of the vehicle stated that he had smoked marijuana within the last hour but only had a couple of beers. CO Painter conducted SFSTs on the operator. Further investigation resulted in the subject being placed under arrest for operating while intoxicated.

COs Johnathan Kamps, Brett DeLonge and Josh Boudreaux attended a wildland fire refresher training hosted by Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Forest Resources Division. The purpose of the training was to gain a better understanding of the tactics and incident command structure used on a wildfire incident prior to the spring fire season. Communication plans and roles were discussed, and officers had a chance to interact with the fire personnel and ask questions, prior to working with them on an incident. It was a valuable learning experience for all involved.

CO Josh Boudreaux responded to a 911 hang-up call at the residence of an elderly female in northern Marquette County. Dispatch operators stated they could not get an answer when they called the residence back and were concerned it may be a medical emergency. CO Boudreaux began knocking on doors and windows, attempting to gain a response from someone inside. After multiple attempts, a light came on in the

residence and CO Boudreaux was able to speak with the homeowner who was not in distress but had dialed 911 by accident.

CO Brett DeLonge did a television interview with TV6 News in Marquette to discuss new regulations for boaters to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species. The law requires boaters to remove all vegetation attached to the boat or trailer when leaving a lake and requires the water to be drained from the livewell.

CO Cody Smith and Probationary Conservation Officer (PCO) Cole Vanoosten went with local biologists to check a bear den site. Three bears were pulled from the den including a sow and her two yearlings. The biologists changed tracking collars, tagged the yearlings, took blood samples, and several measurements including overall length, temperature, and weight. At the conclusion of the collection of information the bears were returned to their den to continue their hibernation.

COs Cody Smith and John Kamps were observing anglers on Keweenaw Bay near L'Anse when they noticed an angler with a stringer full of fish. The COs watched as the subject had an over-limit of trout and salmon and handed several fish off to another angler on the bay. Contact was made with both anglers and a confession was obtained for catching and keeping an over-limit of trout and salmon. A citation was issued for possessing an over-limit of salmon.

CO Jenni Hanson assisted U.S. Forest Service (USFS) Officer Josh Lopac in the investigation of a hazardous material spill in the Ottawa National Forest, approximately 10 yards away from the Presque Isle River. With the help of Environmental Investigations Section (EIS) Detective Trey Luce and great compliance by the logging company, the officers were able to narrow down the suspects from whose logging truck would have caused the leak. After a thorough investigation and numerous interviews, CO Hanson and Officer Lopac received a confession from one of the drivers. Enforcement action was taken, and the spill was cleaned that day.

CO Jenni Hanson assisted MiTrails in teaching Off Road Vehicle Safety (ORV) at the Ewen-Trout Creek School.

CO Jared Ferguson assisted Michigan State Police (MSP) with a domestic violence incident in Dickinson County where a male suspect was arrested.

DISTRICT 2

CO Mark Zitnik attended a wild game dinner at the Munising Baptist Church. The CO answered questions regarding various recreation laws and questions on the county's deer herd health from the public.

Corporal (Cpl.) Kevin Postma and CO Calvin Smith, responded to the scene of an abduction involving a five-year old boy. The child was taken from his residence where several occupants of the residence were bound with duct tape. Shortly after the COs

arrived on scene, the suspect's vehicle was found in the driveway of a residence located five miles away on the Lake Superior shoreline of Whitefish Bay. The COs assisted deputies from the Chippewa County Sheriff's Office and MSP troopers with setting up a perimeter on the house. Eventually contact was made with the homeowner and it was determined that the suspects and child were not there. Two fresh sets of foot tracks, along with impressions of what appeared to be that of a sled, were observed traveling east out onto Whitefish Bay. The COs quickly off-loaded their patrol snowmobiles and began to follow the tracks out onto Whitefish Bay. Cpl. Postma picked up Deputy Mitchell who had already started out on foot in pursuit of the suspects. The officers followed the tracks for three to four miles before locating the suspects and taking them into custody without incident. The child, who the suspects were pulling in a sled, was found to be in good health and was transported to the staging area on shore. The suspects were ultimately lodged on numerous felony charges.

COs Steve Butzin, Chris Lynch, PCO Mike Oleson, and Detective Trey Luce investigated a complaint of several campers burning on Little Bay de Noc. When the COs arrived at the location, they located two campers that had been completely burnt. The COs contacted the owner of the trailer at the scene and he admitted to setting the campers on fire. The campers had frozen into the ice over the winter and he felt it would be easier to burn them rather than attempt to get them out of the ice. The incident is under investigation and could result in the subject facing several charges, along with having to remove all the debris that was left behind.

CO Steve Butzin received a complaint of an individual hunting deer during firearm deer season without a license. After several months of investigation, COs Butzin, Chris Lynch, and PCO Mike Oleson interviewed the individual at his residence in Garden Township. A warrant request has been submitted to the Delta County Prosecutor's Office for illegal take of a 9-point deer, illegal take of an 8-point deer, two counts of borrowing the kill tag of another, and possession of a walleye out of season.

While patrolling Little Bay de Noc, CO Steve Butzin observed a large plume of black smoke coming from a residence located near the Whitefish River. When CO Butzin arrived on scene, he observed an individual burning drywall, a fiberglass shower, and siding. A citation was issued to the individual for open burning of prohibited materials and the fire department extinguished the debris pile.

While patrolling Little Bay de Noc, CO Steve Butzin observed an ice shanty that had several fish lying on the ice outside of it. When CO Butzin knocked on the shanty and announced himself there was no reply. CO Butzin left and observed the shanty from a short distance away, after about 10 minutes the anglers returned to the shanty. CO Butzin immediately contacted them when they opened the door of the shanty, several unattended lines were observed. A citation was issued to the anglers for fishing with lines that were not in their immediate control.

COs Colton Gelinas and Calvin Smith were on snowmobile patrol in Luce County and observed a snowmobile operating on a state trail without a trail permit. A stop was

initiated. The driver of the snowmobile stated that he has two different snowmobiles and has one trail permit between the two. The driver stated that he forgot to get the trail permit from the other snowmobile. A citation was issued to the driver for failure to attach trail permit.

Following a meat processor's inspection, CO Chris Lynch and PCO Michael Olesen contacted two individuals whose paperwork didn't quite add up. After a short interview with the subjects, it was found that one of the individuals took a deer without a license and had also taken a deer the previous year without a license. A report is being presented to the Delta County Prosecutor's Office for review.

CO Chris Lynch recently had a case adjudicated in court where a hunter illegally took an 8-point deer and was sentenced to five days in jail, ordered to pay \$5,325 in fines and restitution, and his hunting privileges were revoked for six years.

While on snowmobile patrol, CO Robert Freeborn and USFS Officer Dave Tembruell were checking snowmobiles at a busy trail crossing. While checking a large group of snowmobiles, the officers noticed a snowmobile that appeared to be avoiding them. After a quick check of the snowmobile, it was determined that it did not have a valid trail permit or registration attached. When the operator was asked where his trail permit and registration were, he stated that everything must have blown off. After a quick check in the computer, it was determined that the snowmobile was expired for almost a year. A citation was issued for the expired registration.

DISTRICT 3

COs Ethen Mapes, Andrea Erratt, and PCO Jackie Miskovich attended the Natural Resource Commission meeting in Bellaire. While there they answered multiple questions that attendees had regarding game, fish, and trapping regulations.

CO Ethen Mapes and PCO Jackie Miskovich assisted the MSP with a possible gunshot fired at a local resort. CO Mapes and PCO Miskovich helped secure the building and conduct interviews of people that were still within the building.

CO Ethen Mapes and PCO Jackie Miskovich responded to a call from Charlevoix County Central Dispatch of a possible fatal snowmobile accident. Upon arrival to the scene, they found that the individual was deceased. CO Mapes and PCO Miskovich worked with a Charlevoix County deputy to conduct the accident investigation. Further follow up investigation is on-going to determine the factors of the accident.

While checking for fishing activity at a local state boating access site, CO Andrea Albert noticed a suspicious subject sitting in a vehicle in the parking lot. CO Albert ran the vehicle plate when he left the lot and conducted a traffic stop due to the plate being expired six months ago. The driver was on probation and was in possession of and admitted to using marijuana. Citations were issued for the expired plate and for not

having a valid driver's license. A report for the probation violation was forwarded to the probation office for review.

CO Eric Bottorff was patrolling the Pigeon River Forest when he was stopped by two elderly wildlife viewers who could not find their way out due to very poor road conditions and a lack of road signs. In order to ensure that they did not get stranded, the couple were escorted out by CO Bottorff.

COs Kyle Cherry and Tom Oberg were on patrol in Otsego County when they responded to a report of a man who had returned home only to find an unknown subject inside his garage. The subject left the scene and responding law enforcement began a search of the area. The COs located a nearby fresh set of footprints in the snow that went behind a vacant house. The COs followed the tracks and located a subject, matching the description reported by the complainant, hiding behind the home. The subject was detained and ultimately taken into custody by MSP troopers.

COs Kyle Cherry and Tom Oberg responded to a report of a stranded snowmobiler who had gotten stuck in deep snow in Otsego County. Dispatch advised he was in a remote area and was unable to walk out due to a back injury suffered while trying to dig himself out. COs located the tracks of the snowmobile and hiked into the woods to locate the stranded subject. COs were able to locate the man who reportedly had been stuck for four hours. COs were able to assist the subject get his snowmobile unstuck and instructed the rider on how to negotiate the deep powder to get himself safely out of the woods and back to his cabin.

CO Tim Rosochacki assisted with several incidents in Cheboygan County in which he was the closest unit to a complaint. One of which was a main power line down across a major highway. CO Rosochacki helped divert traffic onto a secondary road until the line was removed from the roadway. Another incident involved a subject experiencing a mental breakdown. CO Rosochacki made contact with the subject and was able to calm him down until EMS arrived.

CO Jon Sklba reported that a group involved in the theft of hunting blinds in Presque Isle County had been sentenced. In total the group was sentenced to 440 days in jail. The group was ordered to pay \$22,800 in fines and restitution. They had hunting and fishing rights revoked for a total of nine years. The group had been linked to multiple thefts throughout the county over a period of many years.

CO Sidney Collins attended a joint fire training with local departments in Montmorency County. COs regularly work with DNR fire to adequately respond to forest fires.

COs Sidney Collins and Jessica Curtis assisted MSP troopers with a domestic assault complaint in Alpena County. The COs and troopers initially responded to a shot fired call at a residence. Upon arriving at the residence, the subjects were compliant and exited the residence safely. A subject was moving out of the residence, when an argument broke out, a firearm was drawn, and a round fired into the wall that fortunately

resulted in no injuries. Alcohol was a factor. MSP are handling the investigation and will seek charges.

CO Paul Fox attended a large career exposition in Gaylord. Hundreds of people were in attendance looking for future career paths. CO Fox answered questions pertaining to careers as a conservation officer as well as other DNR careers.

CO Paul Fox did a presentation for a local Boy Scout troop in Presque Isle County. CO Fox talked about his job as a conservation officer, how to become a conservation officer, and various outdoor and wildlife topics. The fur kit was used to teach the troop about the different wildlife in Michigan.

DISTRICT 4

COs Patrick McManus and Amanda Lake were on patrol when they observed four snowmobiles operating across several private farmlands in Leelanau County. The COs contacted the snowmobiles and asked if they had written permission to be operating on that property. They admitted they did not have permission and did not know whose properties they had been riding on. In addition, none of the snowmobiles had trail permits and two of them were not registered. Citations were issued for recreational trespass, expired registrations, and failure to obtain trail permits.

COs Bill Haskin, Troy Ludwig, and Amanda Lake attended an Autism Awareness training held by the Flint Township Police Department. This training educated officers on behavioral tendencies of autistic individuals and addressed the best enforcement actions to help these people.

CO Troy Ludwig was patrolling Hodenpyl Dam on the last day of pike season when he observed anglers fishing across the lake from him and noted one angler on an ORV was checking a long line of tip-ups that spanned over a quarter mile. CO Ludwig contacted the angler who had been using the ORV to fish the long line of tip-ups and admitted to using eight tip-ups. CO Ludwig then contacted the anglers in the shanties nearby who were both spearfishing and noticed that one of the anglers was using a minnow attached to a multi-pointed hook, in addition to the three tip-ups he was already fishing. Citations were issued to both anglers for fishing with too many lines.

COs Josh Reed and Josiah Killingbeck observed two subjects ice fishing on Canadian Lakes in Mecosta County. Both anglers were found to be fishing with too many lines. One subject had ten lines and the other had five. The subject with ten lines was also found to be thirty bluegills over his legal limit of 25 along with an undersized out-of-season Largemouth bass. While being questioned about the over-limit of fish, the subject attempted to hide the bass in his hand and place it into a bucket holding several other fish. In addition to these violations, he also failed to have his name and address attached to his tip-ups. Both subjects were educated on the proper fishing requirements and issued citations for fishing with more than three lines and possession of an over-limit of bluegill.

While on another complaint, CO Kyle Publiski overheard the Mason County deputies being dispatched to a domestic violence call where the subject may have thrown a knife at his brother and was now breaking the windows out of the house with a shovel. CO Publiski arrived on scene and witnessed the suspect trying to break into the back door of the house. The subject was ordered away from the house. When officers attempted to walk him back to a patrol car, he refused and became aggressively aggravated, striking a deputy in the head with his elbow. The deputy and CO Publiski got the subject under control and placed him under arrest. After securing the subject in the patrol car, CO Publiski went into the house to check on the victim. As CO Publiski entered the house, he noticed blood all over the floor, kitchen cabinets, and furniture. The victim had been stabbed in the bicep and leg and was being treated by EMS. The subject was lodged by the sheriff's office on multiple violations.

CO Steve Converse has received several trespassing complaints stemming from trail camera photos. With the recent warmer weather, private property owners are now able to access their remote properties and retrieve their game cameras that have been left out over the winter. Several property owners have found pictures on their cameras of subjects trespassing on snowmobile for predator hunting. One property owner noted the same subject trespassing almost every day for a month. So far one subject has been identified and contact was made. During the contact, the subject admitted to trespassing and was also found to be actively feeding deer with a trailer full of sugar beets. A warrant is being sought in that case.

CO Kyle Publiski assisted the Mason County Sheriff's Office with a female subject who called stating that she was feeling suicidal. As the deputy and CO Publiski arrived on scene, the female stated that she was going to kill herself and if not removed from the residence she was going to become homicidal and start killing her family. The female was voluntarily taken to a local hospital by deputies for psychological evaluation.

CO Mike Wells was requested by the Newaygo County Sheriff's Office to assist them in identifying animal parts, and possible game law violations associated with the animal parts that were discovered during the execution of a search warrant. CO Wells arrived on the scene and located the remains of three deer in the garage area, along with two Blue Jays. He also discovered five squirrels that were in the round and not field dressed. Interview of the suspect at the residence resulted in a full admission of the taking of two of the deer without a license, deer three was a road kill. The suspect also admitted that he had shot the two Blue Jays off his bird feeder because they were mean to the other birds and that this same subject had harvested all five squirrels without a base license. A warrant request was completed and submitted to prosecutor's office for review.

While working fish runs on the Muskegon River, CO Jeff Ginn encountered three anglers fishing in a smaller aluminum fishing boat. Upon checking the subjects for Personal Floatation Devices (PFDs), they were found to be short one. CO Jeff Ginn explained the importance of having the correct number of PFDs, especially during the

high-water situation, and the fact the water temperature was only 37 degrees. CO Jeff Ginn issued a citation for the violation and provided the anglers one of his extra PFDs. This allowed them to finish fishing for the afternoon and the subjects agreed to return the PFD to a local sports shop in Croton when they cleared the river.

CO Ben Shively, Oceana County, was responding to assist CO Mike Wells and Sergeant (Sgt.) Mike Bomay with a trespass in progress in Newaygo County when he observed a truck parked in the roadway. Believing that the truck might be the complainant on the trespass complaint, CO Shively pulled up door to door to the vehicle and discovered that it was possibly the suspect in the trespass. CO Shively exited his patrol truck and asked if there were any firearms in the vehicle. The subject stated that there were, and the passenger handed CO Shively a gun in a gun case. The gun was not fully enclosed in the case and CO Shively opened the action on the rifle and found a live round in the barrel and rounds in the magazine. The subject was cited for uncased/loaded firearm in a motor vehicle and issued a warning for failing to immediately disclose concealed pistol license.

DISTRICT 5

CO Mike Hearn and PCO Jesse Grzechowski were called to a residence where a search warrant was being served by the Kalkaska County Sheriff's Office. While serving the warrant, deputies found three dead deer and a dead wild turkey at the residence. The COs subsequently investigated and determined the deer and turkey were possessed illegally. A warrant request was submitted through the Kalkaska County Prosecutor's Office for charges. An arrest warrant has been issued for the suspect, who has previously been arrested by the DNR for poaching six deer in the past.

CO Mike Hearn received a complaint in Garfield Township of Kalkaska County regarding the illegal cutting of trees on state land. Upon arrival, CO Hearn found approximately 15 standing dead trees that had been cut. CO Hearn knew of a possible suspect that lived in the area due to previous contacts. Contact was made with the suspect at his residence and a confession was obtained. A civil infraction citation was issued to the suspect for unlawfully removing the trees from state land.

CO John Huspen and PCO Nathan Beelman received a complaint about anglers on Lake Margarethe fishing for Northern pike and walleye during the closed season. The COs checked numerous anglers on the lake and contacted a few groups who were using tip-ups to try and catch perch. One of the anglers had a valid warrant for his arrest. He was walked off the ice by the COs and turned over to the Crawford County Sheriff's Office for transport to the jail.

CO Brad Bellville and PCO Todd Sumbera were dispatched to a vehicle in the ditch in Ogemaw County. Upon arrival, the COs investigated the scene and found the driver to be intoxicated. SFSTs were administered as well as a preliminary breath test (PBT).

The driver failed all tests. The COs arrested the subject for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated and the subject was lodged at the Ogemaw County jail.

CO Mark Papineau assisted the Arenac County Sheriff's Office investigate a suspicious situation involving a possible homicide. Arenac County deputies stopped a vehicle near I-75 for numerous traffic violations. Upon contact, the driver was acting very strange. According to deputies, the man indicated he was camping on state land in Gladwin County and practicing survival skills. The contact led to a vehicle search and the discovery of an uncased, loaded handgun along with a pillow and tarp that was covered in blood. The driver was arrested, and CO Papineau was contacted to assist in the search for the camp. After a brief search, CO Papineau located the camp and a very detailed search of the surrounding area was conducted. No evidence of foul play was located. The incident remains under investigation by the Arenac County Sheriff's Office.

While patrolling Gladwin County, CO Mark Papineau was flagged down by a person on an ORV reporting an abandoned trailer on state land. The ORV operator indicated that he had gotten turned around while scouting for mushrooms and located a trailer that appeared abandoned. CO Papineau was quickly able to locate the trailer using the directions provided. Upon investigation, the trailer did appear to be abandoned with no visible signs of recent activity. After locating a vehicle identification number, CO Papineau discovered that the travel trailer had been reported stolen earlier in the year. The inside of the trailer was searched and although relatively clean, CO Papineau did discover numerous pieces of drug paraphernalia consistent with heroin. The scene was secured and turned over to the initial investigating agency, MSP, for further follow up.

CO Steve Lockwood tracked down a subject that had left his camper trailer on state land since 2017. After file checking the subject, it was found that he had a misdemeanor warrant for his arrest out of Bay City. He was issued a civil infraction citation for storing and leaving his camper on state land. Bay City Police Department responded to the scene and took the subject into custody on the warrant.

DISTRICT 6

CO Josh Jackson received a complaint through the Report All Poaching (RAP) hotline, stating someone was burning large brush piles on a local lake. The caller stated the nearby homeowner was using gasoline to ignite the brush on the ice. The CO located the un-attended burning brush pile and quickly identified the homeowner responsible. The homeowner admitted to using gasoline and suggested the un-attended burn was safe because it was on the ice. CO Jackson and the homeowner discussed concerns of pollution and the homeowner agreed to clean up the mess when the fire was out.

PCO Adam Schiller and CO Quincy Gowenlock responded to a complaint of deer bait near St. Charles. Upon arrival, the COs noticed a pile of corn and carrots next to the road. PCO Schiller contacted the homeowner and inquired about the bait. The homeowner said he was feeding birds and not deer. As PCO Schiller continued to speak with the home owner, he noticed the license plate on his truck read, "Love to

Hunt Fish and Trap". After determining the homeowner was an avid outdoorsman, PCO Schiller told him that most birds don't eat shelled corn. The homeowner finally admitted to placing the corn and carrots out for deer. The homeowner was informed about the bait/feed ban in the lower peninsula, which he admitted knowing about. He was then issued a citation for his violation.

CO Kyle Bucholtz was on patrol when he observed a truck stopped in the middle the roadway of a state game area. The driver's side door was open, and a subject was standing outside the vehicle. CO Bucholtz approached as the subject entered the vehicle and began to drive toward CO Bucholtz. When CO Bucholtz met the vehicle head on, he rolled down his window to check on the driver. The driver then pulled alongside CO Bucholtz and openly stated he was driving around drinking beer and looking for wildlife. Upon further investigation, it was determined the subject was operating the motor vehicle while intoxicated. The subject was arrested for Operating While Intoxicated.

CO Seth Rhodea and PCO Tom Peterson while on patrol in Sanilac County, were able to locate multiple side by side ORVs operating on the county roadway. One ORV was being operated by a 14-year-old boy at an excessive speed while under the supervision of his father. Upon contacting the individual, it was discovered that the 14-year-old had not completed the required ORV safety course required to operate on the roadway. A citation was issued to the father for allowing underage operation of an ORV and a warning was issued for the speed. Another individual operating a side by side was stopped for operating left of center and without headlights. When the COs made contact it was also discovered the individual had not purchased his ORV license. A citation for ORV license was issued and the operator was given a warning about operating left of center and without headlights.

CO Seth Rhodea and PCO Tom Peterson during patrol of Huron County came across two subjects returning to shore in an airboat off Saginaw Bay. The two individuals claimed that the ice fishing was slow, and they had not caught much. They showed multiple buckets only containing a total of seven fish. CO Rhodea noticed what appeared to be a grain sack stuffed under PFDs in the bow of the boat. The COs located two grain sacks one containing 21 perch the other containing 22 perch. The owner of the boat claimed they hid the fish so no one would know how well they did. CO Rhodea then located another nine fish located in a plastic grocery bag. At which time the owner claimed that CO Rhodea must had caught them. The individuals were nine fish over their limit for the Saginaw Bay. The owner of the boat was cited for possessing an over limit of perch.

CO Mark Siemen received a call from a property owner stating that a large cat of some type was killing his geese. The subject stated that he took multiple photos of the cat as it was eating a goose. CO Siemen responded to the residence and spoke with the subject about the large cat he saw and checked the area the geese had been killed. While at the residence CO Siemen saw multiple photos of the animal and watched a video the subject had taken of the animal sneaking up to the goose pen. After gathering

all information CO Siemen contacted Sgt. Scott Brown who was already aware of the complaint. Wildlife Division was contacted and informed of the information on that day. The next day CO Siemen was again contacted by the home owner stating that he had caught the now identified animal as a lynx in a trap. Sgt. Brown and CO Siemen assisted the Wildlife Division at the residence and the lynx was removed from the property.

CO Dan Robinson was called to an Isabella County hunting accident in January where a victim was reportedly shot and injured. The CO conducted interviews with everyone involved in the incident. The victim had serious but non-life-threatening injuries after getting hit by buckshot at close range. Statements given at the hospital indicated that the subject slipped and when he fell the firearm went off. CO Robinson and Lieutenant (Lt.) Jeremy Payne investigated the scene where evidence and photos contradicted statements given. A second round of interviews was conducted, and the subject admitted to transporting a loaded shotgun that fired as he was removing it from the case. The subject showed CO Robinson the actual vehicle involved and the case the gun was in at the time of the incident. The shot went through the case, through the driver's seat of the vehicle, and hit the passenger who was exiting the truck. This incident could have been prevented had the individuals followed basic firearm safety rules and laws related to the handling and transportation of firearms. The report was given to the Isabella Prosecutors Office and the individual responsible has been charged with careless use of a firearm, knowingly giving false information to a peace officer, reckless use of a firearm causing injury, and transporting a loaded/uncased firearm in a vehicle.

COs Mike Haas, Josh Russell, and PCO Brandon Vacek recently conducted an interview related to the illegal taking of a deer during the 2018 archery season. The COs interviewed a subject who admitted to shooting a 9-point buck in northern Isabella County with archery equipment and purchasing a license after the harvest of the deer. The case is being submitted to the Isabella County Prosecutor's Office to address the hunting violation and reimbursement for the deer is being sought.

While en route to an ORV patrol in Montcalm County, CO Mike Haas and PCO Brandon Vacek were driving at the posted speed when a vehicle behind them began to tailgate their patrol truck. The vehicle then attempted to pass the officers and several other vehicles. On-coming traffic was present in the opposite lane and forced the vehicle to quickly cut over in front of the officers to avoid a head on collision. The COs conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle and educated the driver on the violations and dangerous situation that was avoided. The driver was issued a citation and several verbal warnings.

CO Mike Haas and PCO Brandon Vacek responded to a complaint of an illegal burn pile in Montcalm County. When the COs arrived at the residence there was thick black smoke coming from a large pile behind the house. The COs observed various household items, plastics, aerosol cans, paint buckets, and construction debris actively burning. Contact was made with the homeowner who admitted to starting the fire to

burn the refuse. The subject was advised of the violations and was issued a citation for the improper disposal of waste.

PCO Dan Liestenfeltz along with COs John Person and Joe Myers were conducting a taxidermy inspection in Midland County when they noticed that the taxidermist had a Pine marten. The COs were surprised to find the Pine marten and asked the taxidermist about it. The taxidermist stated that the individual who had brought it to him said he shot it up in the Upper Peninsula. Because of this statement, PCO Liestenfeltz and CO Person conducted multiple interviews with the suspect. The suspect stated that he had live trapped the Pine marten in Chippewa County and then shot it multiple times with his .22 caliber rifle. This was the suspect's first time ever dealing with furbearing animals and he had not taken the time to familiarize himself with the rules and regulations of trapping Pine marten. The Pine marten was seized, and charges are currently pending with the Chippewa County Prosecutor.

CO John Person and PCO Dan Liestenfeltz responded to a complaint from Midland County Dispatch. The complainant stated that there were three dead deer in her back yard, and she has no idea how that could have happened. The COs responded and there were indeed three dead deer in her back yard, all a short distance from one another. There was still snow on the ground, so it was easy to see tracks. It appeared that the deer had died right where they stood. The COs checked the area for any possible evidence of what may have happened to the deer. When the deer were examined, it did not appear that they had been shot or suffered any serious trauma. All three deer were turned over the Wildlife Division and were sent to the Wildlife Disease Laboratory in Lansing for necropsy.

DISTRICT 7

CO Sam Schluckbier and PCO Anna Viau conducted fish shanty removal checks on inland lakes in Allegan County. Even though the weather was poor, and the ice was diminishing, anglers continued to venture out onto the lakes. Citations were issued for several violations, including two unlicensed ORVs and two unlicensed anglers.

CO Sam Schluckbier and PCO Anna Viau received a complaint about a deer carcass and other items dumped on a homeowner's property. While investigating the dumped items, the COs were contacted by a neighbor of the complainant who explained he had dumped the deer carcass in the field. The individual explained that he had legally acquired the deer with a road kill salvage permit. However, the man was not able to explain why he had dumped the deer and other items on the neighbor's property, and he stated he was not aware of who owned the property. The subject also admitted to setting up a hunting blind on the neighbor's property. When PCO Viau ran the subject's file, the return confirmed he had an active warrant out of Van Buren County. A citation was issued for littering and the subject was transported to the Van Buren County jail.

While following up on a littered deer head that CO Sam Schluckbier and PCO Anna Viau had found at a public boat launch, the investigation led them to a person

suspected of illegally taking three deer during the 2018 hunting season. After conducting several interviews, the COs found the person who littered the deer head and enforcement action was taken. The investigation into the illegal deer is ongoing.

CO Carter Woodwyk was patrolling through Ottawa County when he observed a semi-truck run a busy stop sign. The CO stopped the driver who stated he did not want to get slammed with the liquid in the tanker he was hauling, so he did not stop for the intersection. The CO explained how the stop sign was very well visible from a long distance away and he needed to accommodate for that in the future. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Richard Cardenas and PCO Andrea Dani were patrolling the Allegan Dam in Allegan County. While in the parking area, the COs observed a vehicle accelerate rapidly into reverse, and then accelerate rapidly forward in a careless manner. The driver continued out of the parking area, accelerating and fishtailing down the road. PCO Dani conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle and a citation was issued for the careless driving.

While CO Zach Bauer was on patrol, he received a complaint that there was an angler fishing on a closed stream in Berrien County. CO Bauer responded to the area and located an angler fishing on the closed stream. CO Bauer contacted the angler and explained that this stream is closed for the preservation of steelhead and salmon, and the purpose of the closed stream is to allow the fish to spawn. A citation was issued.

Last fall, COs Zach Bauer and Tyler Cole investigated a hunter who possibly shot a deer without a license. The two COs contacted the hunter and it turns out the hunter put his brother's tag on the deer and in fact did not purchase a hunting license. This information was submitted to the prosecutor's office where charges were sought. Charges were authorized for taking a deer without a license and borrowing a kill tag of another person.

CO Zach Bauer and Travis Dragomer conducted a taxidermy inspection at a local taxidermist. As the COs were conducting the inspection, they noticed a deer head that was brought in from Ohio. Further investigation revealed that the entire deer head was brought into the taxidermist contrary to state law. Interviews were conducted with two hunters who brought full deer carcasses into Michigan. This information was submitted to the prosecutor's office where charges were sought. Charges were authorized on both hunters who brought in the deer, and a charge was authorized for the taxidermist failing to notify the DNR of a deer brought in from out of state.

CO Zach Bauer was on patrol when he noticed a subject in a restricted area near a dam. CO Bauer made contact and the subject left and began to walk away. CO Bauer asked multiple times for the subject's driver's license. CO Bauer called for additional units for backup. CO Bauer told the subject to stop and attempted to make him stop, the subject pulled away and continued to walk away. At this time the additional officers

arrived on scene. The subject was placed in custody for trespass and resisting and obstruction. The suspect was lodged in the Berrien County jail.

CO Travis Dragomer observed an individual fishing from the shoreline of the St. Joseph River in Berrien Springs, Berrien County. Once the angler spotted CO Dragomer, he bit off his line and put his fishing lure in his pocket. The CO contacted the angler and it was determined that he did not have a valid fishing license. A citation was written for fishing without a license.

CO Kyle McQueer was patrolling Mottville Dam in St. Joseph County after the closure of walleye season. CO McQueer observed two anglers wading in the water, fishing for walleye. CO McQueer observed one of the anglers catch two walleye and throw them on shore. After observing them for a little while longer, CO McQueer contacted the two anglers. It was determined that the one angler caught and possessed both walleye. A citation was written for possession of walleye out of season and a verbal warning was given for fishing without a license.

COs Travis Dragomer and Kyle McQueer were patrolling Berrien County, Lincoln Township when they observed two individuals walking along Hickory Creek with a kayak. Hickory Creek is a Type 1 trout stream and is closed. After turning around, COs Dragomer and McQueer noticed one of the individuals carrying a fishing pole in one hand. On a Type 1 trout stream, you cannot fish nor possess fishing equipment during the closure. A citation was written for possessing fishing equipment along a closed trout stream, hook and line.

While on patrol through the Rogue River State Game Area (SGA) in Kent County, CO Justin Ulberg and PCO Jim Nason contacted four subjects. The individuals had two automobiles in the SGA which is closed to motor vehicles. Upon further investigation, it was determined that the subjects were minors and in possession of alcoholic beverages. A citation was issued for operating a wheeled vehicle in a closed area. A warning was given for minor in possession of alcohol, and the case of beer was dumped out.

DISTRICT 8

CO Mike Drexler responded to an active shooter call on the University of Michigan campus. Numerous law enforcement agencies from Washtenaw County responded and CO Drexler assisted in clearing portions of two buildings until incident command advised the threat was unfounded.

CO Mike Drexler responded with Ypsilanti police officers to a report of a subject that overdosed along the Huron River. Huron Valley Ambulance, Ypsilanti Fire Department, Ypsilanti Police, and COs Drexler, CO Brandon Hartleben and PCO Luke Robare responded and eventually found the subject unconscious along the river. The subject was treated by EMS and transported to the hospital.

CO Brandon Hartleben and PCO Luke Robare interrupted a male and female subject fornicating inside a motor vehicle at the Doyle Lake access site in Waterloo State Recreation Area. Once the two subjects were fully clothed, CO Hartleben and PCO Robare ran them both through LEIN. The male subject came back with a felony domestic violence warrant out of Jackson County. PCO Robare arrested the subject and a meet near the Washtenaw/Jackson County line was arranged with the MSP. The subject was ultimately transported and lodged in the Jackson County jail.

CO Nick Wellman was on his way home when he noticed several kayaks all together on North Lake in Branch County. CO Wellman observed three kayaks pulling a paddle boat that was nearly submerged under the water. In all, there were six subjects on the kayaks and paddle boat. The group disappeared behind a section of land and CO Wellman spent the next hour trying to relocate them to attempt to get them to shore safely. After several attempts, CO Wellman was able to locate the group and guided them to shore. By the time they reached shore, the paddle boat was completely submerged. Upon contact, CO Wellman took the individuals who had fallen into the lake and put them in his patrol truck with the heat on to warm them up. The men stated they were staying at a cabin for the weekend, had paddled down to a local bar, and were coming home when the boat became waterlogged. They stated they didn't have any PFDs with them and didn't know they were required. The men were warmed up, and later picked up by a friend. The group received three citations for not having PFDs on a kayak. They stated they now understand why having PFDs is very important.

CO Katie Stawara and CO Matthew Neterer were on patrol when they responded to two unresponsive "slumpers" in a vehicle at Taco Bell drive through. When contacted, the subjects appeared highly intoxicated. Assisted by MSP and Owosso Police Department, the officers found open intoxicants and marijuana in the vehicle. A PBT was administered and the driver was a .15 BAC. Field sobrieties were conducted, and the driver was arrested for a third offense, felony Operating While Intoxicated. He was lodged by Owosso Police Department at the Corunna jail.

DISTRICT 9

CO Nicholas Ingersoll spoke with a group of students at Triumph Academy in Monroe County. The students were taking a career class where they learn about different types of careers. CO Ingersoll spoke with approximately 30 students who ranged from sixth to eighth grade. CO Ingersoll spoke with the students about what it takes to become a conservation officer and what the duties of a conservation officer are.

CO Nicholas Ingersoll was patrolling Bolles Harbor when he observed an individual trespassing on DTE Energy property. CO Ingersoll tracked the individual back into a field on the power plant's property and asked the individual what he was up to. The individual stated he was out shed hunting, and CO Ingersoll asked him if he could be back there. The individual stated he did not know, CO Ingersoll advised him that he walked past a no trespassing sign when he walked through one of the holes in the fence that surrounds the property. The individual admitted he thought he shouldn't be back

there, just thought it was okay because he used to do it when he was younger. CO Ingersoll issued the individual a citation for recreational trespass.

CO Nicholas Ingersoll received a call that a kayaker had overturned while fishing in Lake Erie. CO Ingersoll was able to respond to the area that the kayaker was last seen in Lake Erie and conduct a water rescue. CO Ingersoll was able to locate the kayaker, who had overturned, with the assistance of a Monroe County Sheriff's deputy who was on shore using binoculars and his portable police radio to guide CO Ingersoll to a general area of Lake Erie where the kayaker was in the water. CO Ingersoll pulled the kayaker onto his patrol vessel and transported the kayaker, who was showing signs of hypothermia, to a Monroe County ambulance near the boat launch. The kayaker is expected to make a full recovery.

CO Keven Luther joined in on an area group marine patrol within the southern portions of the Detroit River. The officers contacted approximately 48 vessels and 68 anglers during the patrol. CO Luther issued three citations during the patrol. Two citations were issued for not having an operable fire extinguisher aboard a vessel and one for not having a PFD for every passenger aboard a vessel.

CO David Schaumburger was contacted by Fermi security, a nuclear power plant on Lake Erie to assist in escorting vessels out of the one mile federally restricted safety zone around the plant. When the CO arrived at the location, almost a dozen vessels were within a third of a mile of the plant, all of them ignoring the loud public address system telling them they were too close and to leave the area. CO Schaumburger wrote down MC numbers of the vessels within the safety zone and issued warnings.

Checking shore anglers along the Detroit River, CO Dan Walzak checked a man and woman fishing and asked for their licenses. The man patted down his pockets and stated that his license was in his vehicle while the woman failed to respond. Meeting the two at the vehicle, the woman finally said that she had purchased her license but didn't have it with her. After looking in his vehicle, the man stated that he had also purchased a license, but it must be at home. After securing the male subject's driver's license and verbal information as to the female's identity, CO Walzak ran their names through the Retail Sales System (RSS) to check for valid fishing licenses. CO Walzak learned that the male had no license purchases since 2013 and the female had no purchases since 2016. Both subjects were issued citations for fishing without a license.

CO Dan Walzak participated in an area marine group patrol along the Detroit River, issuing two citations, one for insufficient PFDs on vessel and another for no fire extinguisher on vessel.

CO Christopher Knights was patrolling northern Oakland County when he spotted a side by side driving down the road ahead of him. CO Knights followed the vehicle for a short distance and conducted a stop in a safe area. CO Knights contacted the individual and immediately noticed him from previous encounters. CO Knights asked where he was headed, the subject stated to a friend's house in Lapeer County. CO Knights asked if

he knew that operating ORVs on a public highway in Oakland County was prohibited. The individual stated he did but thought because his friend's residence was only a few miles away that it wouldn't be a problem. CO Knights reminded him of his previous contacts with COs while doing the same thing. CO Knights advised the individual again of the law and issued him a citation for operating an ORV on a public highway.

CO Christopher Knights received a complaint in Lake Orion regarding a deer hanging from a tree behind a barn. CO Knights contacted the home owner and interviewed him regarding the deer. The individual stated he shot the deer the last day of bow season and just now moved the animal outside of his barn for coyotes. CO Knights had already checked the individual in RSS for a deer hunting license before arriving and knew he hadn't purchased a deer license. CO Knights asked if he had a tag for the deer, he advised he failed to purchase one for the year. Both CO Knights and the home owner walked back to the deer and CO Knights noticed traps around the property as well. After checking the traps, he noticed none of the traps had any identification on them. CO Knights advised the individual of the laws pertaining to deer licenses and trapping regulations. A report will be filed with the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office for taking the deer without a license and a citation was issued for possession of untagged traps.

CO Justin Muehlhauser and PCO Edward Rice observed an angler fishing on the Flint River. The angler was contacted, and it was determined that the individual caught a Northern pike earlier in the day. PCO Rice asked if the fish had been measured and the angler stated he was just about to do so. PCO Rice used his bump board to measure the Northern pike. It was determined the size of the Northern pike was less than the required minimum size limit of 24 inches. A citation was issued for possessing a Northern pike less than 24 inches.

CO Justin Muehlhauser and PCO Edward Rice contacted an angler fishing the Flint River. PCO Rice observed a white jig head and a white in color twist tail swim bait attached to the angler's rod. PCO Rice and CO Muehlhauser explained the use of artificial bait during the current gear restrictions was illegal. CO Muehlhauser noted gear restrictions were put in place for spawning purposes. The angler was cited for using artificial bait during the closed season.

CO Justin Muehlhauser and PCO Edward Rice checked an angler fishing the Flint River. PCO Rice observed an artificial minnow swim bait attached to the line. PCO Rice and CO Muehlhauser explained the use of artificial bait during the current gear restrictions was illegal. CO Muehlhauser noted gear restrictions were put in place for spawning purposes. PCO Rice asked to see the angler's fishing license. The angler stated he did not have a license and did not know he needed one. PCO Rice explained an individual who wishes to fish in Michigan waters is required to have a fishing license. The angler was issued a citation for fishing without a license and given a warning for using artificial bait during the closed season.

While conducting a taxidermy inspection, CO Justin Muehlhauser and PCO Edward Rice came across a set of deer antlers with a questionable time of purchase. The time

of purchase was made after legal hunting hours for that date. CO Muehlhauser and PCO Rice went to the residence and interviewed the father and son in question. The investigation revealed a tag was purchased after the deer was shot. It was also discovered that the tag used to tag the deer did not belong to his son who shot the deer. A report was completed and turned into the prosecutor's office for review.

While checking anglers in a local marina in Macomb County, CO Joseph Deppen noticed two anglers jumping a fence and trespassing to gain access into the marina. When the two anglers saw CO Deppen they stopped, dropped their fishing gear, and walked behind a boat. CO Deppen walked up to the anglers and asked them how they got into the marina. The anglers claimed they walked in through the mouth of the river. CO Deppen made it clear he saw them get into the marina by jumping the fence. CO Deppen asked for their identification and fishing licenses. Neither angler had any identification on them, and one angler did not have a fishing license. One individual seemed to struggle to provide a name. CO Deppen was able to ascertain he was giving a false name and date of birth. CO Deppen spoke with the angler and he confessed to giving a fake name because he had warrants out for his arrest. CO Deppen finally obtained the angler's real name and photograph from dispatch. The anglers were issued citations for recreational trespass and warnings for not having fishing license. The angler with warrants for his arrest was turned over to sheriff deputies and he was lodged at the county jail.

CO Joseph Deppen was checking anglers along the Clinton River in Macomb County when he spotted anglers to check. CO Deppen contacted one angler fishing who was fishing with illegal fishing gear. The angler said he was on his lunch break and he wanted to get in a few casts. The angler also did not have a fishing license on him. CO Deppen issued warnings for both violations and educated the angler about the gear restrictions in the river.

While checking anglers along the Clinton River, CO Joseph Deppen noticed a vessel traveling up river full of fishing gear and three anglers. CO Deppen motioned to the vessel occupants to pull over to the shoreline. The occupants decided to keep heading up river. CO Deppen and CO Silorey met up with the anglers further upstream at a launch. CO Deppen spoke with one angler on the boat who said, "I told them to stop, but they didn't listen." The operator claimed he never saw or heard CO Deppen or his friend telling him to pull over his vessel to the shore. The operator was issued a citation for not having any PFDs aboard his vessel and he was given multiple other warnings.

CO Raymond Gardner was on patrol in Attica Township, Lapeer County, when he noticed a 4-wheeler driving towards him. When CO Gardner noticed the operator was not wearing a helmet, he performed a traffic stop. When CO Gardner contacted the operator, the man said, "I already know, I'm in trouble." CO Gardner also noticed that the most recent ORV license sticker on the 4-wheeler was from 2017. CO Gardner explained to the man that before he could operate his 4-wheeler on a public roadway, he must have a helmet on and a current ORV license sticker. A citation was issued for the violations.

CO Kris Kiel reports that the subject that pled guilty to taking an over limit of antlered deer in 2015, 2016, and 2017 was sentenced to pay \$6,000 in reimbursement, \$30 judgement fees, \$1,350 in fines and costs, and lost his hunting privileges until 2022.

CO Kris Kiel and PCO Breanna Reed responded to a complaint of a subject live trapping squirrels in Macomb County. CO Kiel responded to the same complaint and subject last year where a warning was given. Upon arrival, the COs noticed a live trap with a squirrel in it. The COs interviewed the subject and a citation was issued for taking small game without a license.

CO Kris Kiel and PCO Breanna Reed checked a popular illegal ORV activity area where they located a subject who had gotten his jeep stuck. The subject had no permission to be in that area and since he was 16-years old, was given a warning for ORV trespass and a citation was issued for an unlicensed ORV.

CO Kris Kiel and PCO Breanna Reed attended career nights at Eisenhower High School and Romeo Schools Law Enforcement Career Exposition. Parents and students from 5-12th grade attended. The students asked questions about what we do as conservation officers on a day-to-day basis, what education needs to be completed and why we chose law enforcement as a profession. Twenty-six students attended Romeo Schools and thirty-five students attended Eisenhower High School.

COs Kris Kiel, Brad Silorey, and PCO Breanna Reed were at an access site when they noticed an individual walking in a fenced area. Contact was made with the individual and the COs asked why he had jumped the fence and disregarded the "DO NOT ENTER" signs. The individual entered the area to access the small piece of ice left on the bay. He was issued a civil infraction citation for enter, use, or occupy when posted against.

COs Kris Kiel, Brad Silorey, and PCO Breanna Reed checked a popular illegal ORV activity area where they located two subjects who were riding dirt bikes. The subjects had no permission to be in that area. They were each issued a civil infraction citation for operating an unlicensed ORV and given warnings for ORV trespass, failure to transfer title, and railroad trespass.

CO Robert Watson received a call from a local state park regarding some vandalism issues along with illegal wood cutting taking place within state park boundaries. CO Watson responded, and park rangers showed CO Watson where someone had broken a chain to gain access to a closed Day Use Area of the park, along with a large pile of cut and split firewood and trash left in the woods. The subject had also left his log splitter stashed in the woods. CO Watson was able to follow a trail through the woods to a backyard and contacted the homeowner. CO Watson obtained a confession of cutting the wood within state park boundaries and operating a skid steer through the woods to transport his log splitter. A ticket was issued for litter.

CO Robert Watson was on patrol checking the St. Clair River. The walleye bite has picked up and the river was receiving a lot more attention this week from anglers. CO Watson recognized a pickup truck from a check earlier in the morning and remembered the three anglers had all caught their limit of walleye. CO Watson contacted the now solo angler who had gone back out in the evening for a second trip. The angler had returned with a second daily limit of walleye. A ticket was issued for over limit of walleye.

BELLE ISLE

CO Andrea Erratt ran radar while patrolling Belle Isle Park and warned several motorists for exceeding the 25-mph speed limit. CO Erratt also handled a 911 hang up call that originated near the basketball courts. CO Erratt did not locate the caller but did warn a basketball player who had driven his vehicle around a gate to park near the court.

CO Duane Budreau patrolled Belle Isle Park and responded to a complaint of a vehicle stuck in the mud off the road. When CO Budreau arrived, the operator had called his own wrecker and was able to get his vehicle freed.

CO Duane Budreau was working Belle Isle Park and responded to a medical call. CO Budreau assisted a female having a seizure and assisted EMS when they arrived on scene.

CO Duane Budreau was patrolling Belle Isle Park and contacted a subject sleeping in his vehicle near Sunset Point. The person in the vehicle seamed distraught and unsure of himself. At first the person was talking about thoughts of driving his vehicle into the river and ending it. After further conversation, CO Budreau was able to determine the subject just needed someone to talk to and the subject headed home.

COs Josh Jackson and Micah Hintz assisted the Detroit Police after a woman had jumped from the McArthur Bridge into the frigid Detroit River below. CO Jackson arrived on the bridge and spotted the woman in the water. Two officers with Detroit's Harbor Master were already in their vessel and on their way to the woman. COs Jackson and Hintz assisted with loading the woman into the ambulance and she was sent on her way to a local hospital where she recovered.

CO Shane Webster and PCO Byron Parks were on patrol at Belle Isle Park enforcing traffic laws, conducting radar patrols, and ensuring the safety of visitors at the park. While conducting a speed radar patrol CO Webster and PCO Parks observed a vehicle driving 37 miles an hour, 12 miles per hour over the posted speed limit. A traffic stop was made and upon investigation the driver had no driver's license and 13 misdemeanor warrants for his arrest. The officers arrested and transported the subject to the Detroit Detention Center.

While patrolling Belle Isle, CO Kyle Publiski noticed a vehicle operating at very a high rate of speed, nearly causing two motor vehicle accidents. As the vehicle approached

McArthur Bridge, CO Publiski thought the vehicle wasn't going to be able to navigate the bridge approach. CO Publiski activated the patrol vehicle emergency lights and when the operator noticed the patrol vehicle, now midspan of the bridge, she braked hard and jerked the vehicle into the right lane, nearly slamming into the vehicle next to her. COs Publiski and Robert Slick conducted SFSTs and determined that the driver was intoxicated. Upon lodging the operator in jail, her blood alcohol level was in excess of two and half times over the legal limit.